

CORDON AND SEARCH

Cordon and Search Operations

- Capture enemy or enemy sympathizers
- Apprehend criminals/terrorists
- Evacuate non-combatants
- Liberate hostages

Semi-permissive or Permissive environment.

- Predicated on good intelligence fixing the exact location of the target or objective.

METT-TC

- **MISSION:** Consider the overall intent of the operation.
- **ENEMY:** Analyzed in detail using the IPB process.
- **TERRAIN:**
 - a. Natural terrain surrounding the built-up area.
 - b. Covered and concealed routes to the target area.
 - c. Street lights and its effects.
 - d. Underground sewer systems.
- **TROOPS:** Troops available, along with the threat, will assist in determining the size/employment of your company.
 - a. PSYOPS / CA Teams

METT-TC

- **TIME:**
 - a. Time required for searching buildings.
 - b. Physical exertion related to searching.
 - c. Reconnaissance and rehearsals

- **CIVILIANS:**
 - a. Enemy Operations
 - b. Friendly Operations
 - c. Media
 - (1) Consolidate media
 - (2) Escort
 - (3) Statements to the Press

Three Elements of a Cordon and Search

1. CORDON

2. SEARCH

3. RESERVE

Cordon Element:

Responsible for a mounted and dismounted

reaction team. Responsibilities include:

- **Isolates the objective**
- **Provides access control**
- **Prevent reinforcement and collateral damage**
- **Provide early warning for the search and reserve element.**

Cordon Events:

- 1. A large crowd starts to form on the main access road to the cordon site. The road becomes impassable.**
- 2. Two individuals break out of the cordon.**
- 3. Family members of the target home are rounded up by their neighbors. The crowd starts to harass and beat the family assuming they are guilty because the U.S. soldiers are searching their home**

Search Element:

Responsible for clearing or securing the target area. Responsibilities include:

- **Implied task to secure themselves.**
- **Bulk of the force**
- **Conducts the search of the area to clear, secure, liberate or capture the target**
- **Ensure all soldiers are briefed on the ROE**

Three Search Methods:

- 1. Assemble inhabitants in a central location if they appear to be hostile.**
- 2. Restrict inhabitants to their homes.**
- 3. Control the heads of household.**

Search Events:

- 1. You enter the house and find six females hiding in a closet with a gun.**
- 2. You enter the house and someone runs out the back door.**
- 3. People in the house will not open the door or come out.**

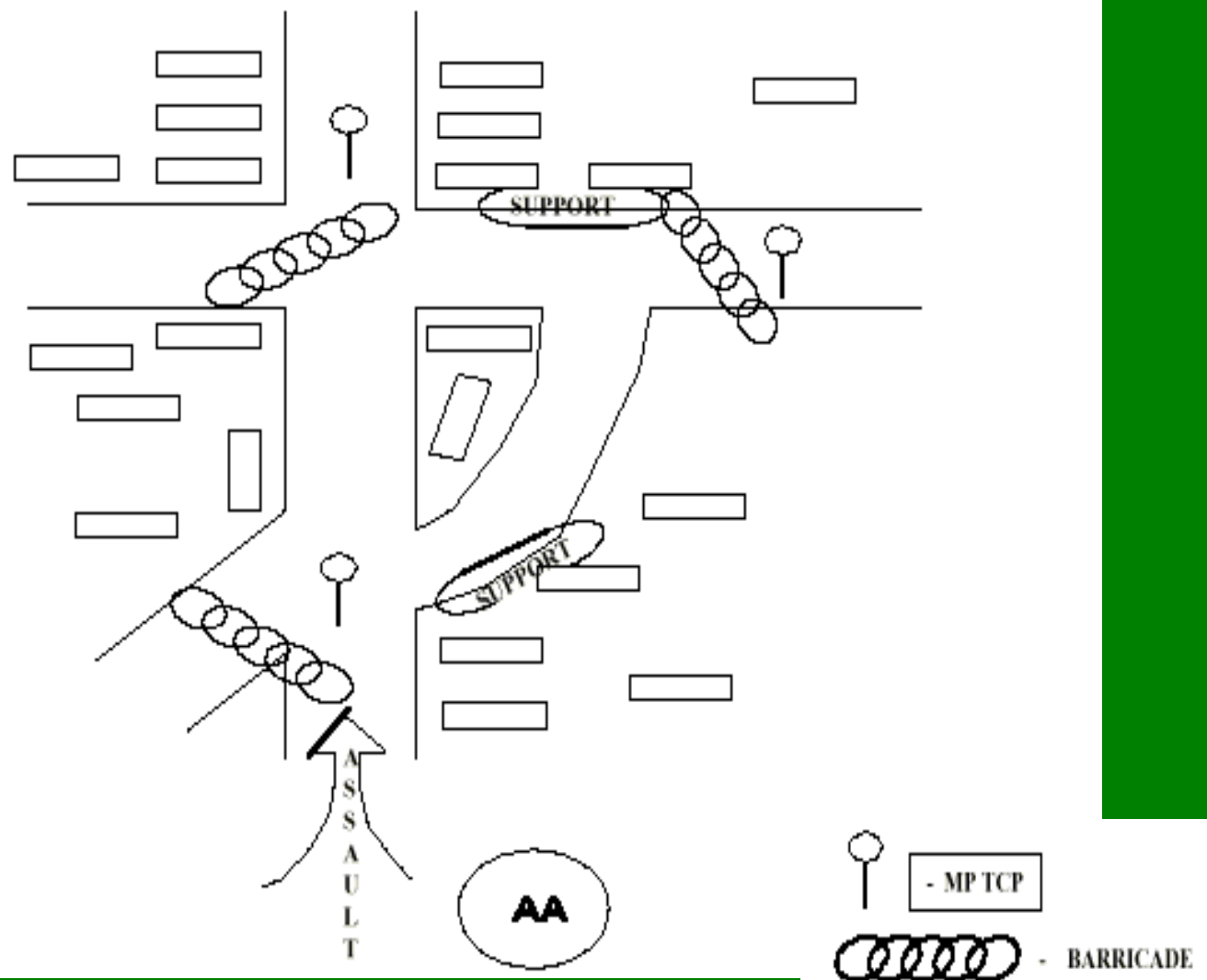
Reserve Element:

Must be prepared to assist the other two elements as the situation requires.

Responsibilities include:

- **Monitors communications**
- **Prepared to move on order**
- **Must execute detailed reconnaissance and rehearsals**
 - **Cordon tasks**
 - **Search tasks**
 - **Hasty attack**
 - **Counterattack**

CONDUCT CORDON AND SEARCH



Summary:

- 1. Planning must be based off METT-TC**
- 2. Employment and responsibilities of the three elements of a cordon and search operation**
- 3. Conduct the search with the least inconvenience to the populace.**

QUESTIONS?

“The Noncommissioned Officer wearing the chevron is supposed to be the best soldier in the platoon, and he is supposed to know how to perform all the duties expected of him. The American Soldier expects his sergeant to be able to teach him how to do his job.

And he expects even more from his Officers. “

General Omar N. Bradley